

Review / Introduction:

I. Take Care to Reject Dangerous Error...

A. Consider Peter's Cohesive and Logical Exhortations as to how we should live in these last days...

Observation: These are Peter's final words to us...they're important...

B. The Heart of the Exhortation... "Take care unless...you lose your own stability..."

An important implication... I Corinthians 15:58

C. The Meaning of the Exhortation...

1. Stability illustrated...
2. God's Word alone gives stability...

D. To Lose Stability is to Depart from the Truth...

1. Impossible for the true Christian...
2. Not all who profess are genuine...

Observation: Consider *II Peter 2:1-3* with the words of Jesus in *Matthew 7:15ff*

E. The Reasons for The Exhortation...

1. We're still in the flesh...
2. The danger is real...

Lesson:

II. Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord...

A. A Positive Exhortation... "to grow is to increase..."

1. In all the virtues of grace... *Ephesians 1:3ff*
2. Remember:
 - a. How it is that we possess these graces... not of ourselves—but in Christ...
 - b. Faithful, spiritual stability is not a "static experience..."

B. In the Knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...

1. Not merely intellectual knowledge of Him...
2. We must know Him...

Application: 1. In regards to taking care...

2. In regards to growing...